



Next Time You See a  
**SEASHELL**

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## A NOTE TO PARENTS AND TEACHERS

**T**he books in this series are intended to be read with a child after they have had some experience with the featured objects or phenomena. For example, give your child a seashell or a handful of seashells and encourage them to observe them and wonder about them. Talk about where they might have come from. Share stories about a time you went to the beach or found a fossil of a shell. Ask what they are wondering about the shells and share what you wonder. Then, with shells in hand, read this book together and discuss new learnings. You will find that new learnings often lead to new questions. Take time to pause and share these curiosities with each other.

This book does not present facts to be memorised. It was written to inspire a sense of wonder about ordinary objects and to foster a desire to learn more about the natural world. My favourite question from students after giving them a handful of shells to observe is, “Are these real?” I think they ask that question because seashells look like pieces of fine art that a person carefully sculpted and painted.

Children are naturally fascinated by seashells and when they contemplate the fact that these beautiful shells are made by slimy, snailly molluscs, the shells become even more remarkable. My wish is that after reading this book, you and your child feel a sense of wonder the next time you see a seashell.

– Emily Morgan





Seashells are some of the most beautiful objects found in nature. Have you ever wondered where they come from?